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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

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Acting Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT:

Providing Unclassified Publication to Congress

1. In response to your request regarding the provision of an unclassified publication to Congress, I would suggest that before we send letters directly to individual Members of Congress that we ask the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence whether they might be interested in providing the index of documents to each Member of Congress rather than have it come directly from the DCI.

2. In the past, individual members of HPSCI, such as Charlie Rose, have suggested that it might be useful if we provided the Committee with unclassified information which they could pass on to the Members of the House. While the proposal encompasses merely an index of what documents might be available, rather than the documents themselves, the Committee might not wish to get involved, but I believe we should at least sound them out on the proposal.

3. With respect to the SSCI, when we began providing unclassified documents to Members of our Oversight Committees not too long ago, the SSCI informed us that they would like to handle the distribution of the documents rather than have them go directly from the DCI to Members of the Oversight Committees. Here again, I believe we owe it to the SSCI to at least brush the proposal by them.

4. If the Director feels strongly about participation in the distribution of the index, I am sure we could work out a joint program with our Oversight Committees whereby indexes would be passed to all Members of Congress under a covering letter recognizing the DCI's desire to get as much information as possible to the Congress supported by an endorsement of this idea by the Oversight Committees.

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